

Faversham Port Sanitary Authority.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL

OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1920.

The number of vessels arriving in the Port of Faversham during the past year shews an increase all round in the various parts of the port, except in Oare Creek.

The area of the Port includes the Creeks of Faversham, Oare, Conyer, and Milton from East to West; also a great part of the Swale, viz., the whole of the East Swale and the West Swale to where it joins the Port of Queenborough.

For the first time for some years I have to report the arrival of foreign ships in the Port, our foreign trade having been brought to a standstill during the war. These ships are mostly bound for the works at Sittingbourne, but also comprise ships laden with timber from the Baltic ports for Faversham. The chief trade is done in barges loaded with bricks (a diminishing amount), coal, corn and various merchandise from coasting trade; a large amount of London manure is brought down for use on the land, and gunpowder is still sent away to some extent. The big works at Sittingbourne also employ many barges for their requirements.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Ships arriving	1920	1919
Faversham Creek (home trade)	359	311
Faversham Creek (foreign trade)	29	—
Oare	76	120
Conyer	109	5
Milton	5501	4725
Totals	6,074	5,161

Inspections:—The numbers of inspections made during the year by the Inspector and myself are as follows:—

	Inspr.	Med. Officer
Faversham	335	79
Oare	108	36
Conyer	31	17
Milton	862	—
Totals	1,336	132

The Milton figures are in the Report for that end of the Port.

In the course of the year there were 30 vessels found to be suffering from various minor defects; such as matters of ventilation and lighting; most of these were on the barges that carried London manure. In all cases these defects were remedied by the owners after verbal request and it was never found necessary to serve any written notices.

The water supply and the conditions under which it was stored has been found to be satisfactory on the vessels as a whole.

Barges carrying cargoes of an offensive nature have been kept in a clean condition.

There were no deaths and no cases of infectious disease reported on board during the year.

It has not been found necessary to take any action under the Public Health Regulations as to Food Act, 1907.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended; also Forms A and B.

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FORM A.

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the Year.

—	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number reported to be Defective	Number of Orders issued
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Inspector of Nuisances		
Foreign	{ Steamers	nil	—	—	—	—
	Sailing	29	?	11	24	—
	Fishing	nil	—	—	—	—
Total Foreign	29	—	11	24	—	—
Coastwise	{ Steamers	31	?	20	30	—
	Sailing	6014	?	101	1282	30
	Fishing	—	—	—	—	—
Total Coastwise	6045	—	121	1312	30	—
Total Foreign and Coastwise	6074	—	132	1336	30	—

Owing to death of Sanitary Inspector, I am not in a position to give the tonnage.

FORM B.

Nil

